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E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR  
TAGS: MARR, PREF, PREL, PHUM, MOPS, UNSC, RW, GH  
SUBJECT: RWANDA: PRESIDENT DECLARES GHANA PREPARED TO  
OFFER ITS SUPPORT

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REFS: (A) ACCRA 3865  
(B) ACCRA 4025

1. (U) IN A STATEMENT CARRIED ON TELEVISION MAY 18 AND REPORTED IN LOCAL MEDIA MAY 19, PRESIDENT RAWLINGS HAS DECLARED THE READINESS OF GHANA TO PROVIDE ITS SUPPORT FOR A HUMANITARIAN MISSION IN RWANDA. HOWEVER, GHANA'S ABILITY TO DO SO REQUIRED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT BY WAY OF EQUIPMENT, RAWLINGS WENT ON TO SAY. RAWLINGS ADDED THAT HE REGRETTED THE DEPLORABLE SITUATION IN RWANDA AND IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT "THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THIS MINDLESS SLAUGHTER AND RESTORE ORDER MUST BE SHARED BY ALL, REGARDLESS OF ANY DIFFERENCES IN OUR POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES OR PHILOSOPHIES." THE PRESIDENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE CONCLUDED BY UNDERSCORING THAT IF THE

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U.S. AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES WERE PREPARED TO PROVIDE MEN AND LOGISTICS, THEY COULD COUNT ON GHANA'S PARTICIPATION.

2. (C) THE DIRECTORATE OF ARMY OPERATIONS INFORMS US THAT UN PEACEKEEPING PLANNERS HAVE ASKED GHANA TO SEND BACK TO RWANDA 500 TROOPS WHICH WHEN THEY ARRIVE WOULD BRING GHANA'S CONTINGENT THERE TO 800 PLUS MEN. OUR MILITARY CONTACTS STRESS AT THE SAME TIME THAT THEIR ABILITY TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE FIELD WILL REQUIRE MECHANIZED TRANSPORT AND ADDITIONAL FIREPOWER. IN RESPONSE, THE GHANAIS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN ASSURED BY THE UN THAT THE U.S. WILL PROVIDE 50 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND ANY ADDITIONAL WEAPONRY REQUIRED TO ASSURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF GHANAIAN UNITS IN RWANDA. GHANAIAN TROOPS ARE CURRENTLY ON ALERT AND ARE PREPARED TO BEGIN THE RETURN TO RWANDA WITH 24-HOURS NOTICE. THE TIMING OF THEIR DEPARTURE WOULD DEPEND ON THE AVAILABILITY OF APC'S IN THE AREA OF THEIR MISSION. GHANAIAN MILITARY PLANNERS EXPECT TO BEGIN THEIR DEPARTURE WITHIN THE NEXT ONE-TWO WEEKS. LEDESMA

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